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PROCLAMATION EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK MAY 19-25, 2013

WHEREAS, emergency medical services is a vital public service; *and*

WHEREAS, the members of our local emergency medical services teams are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week; *and*

WHEREAS, access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; *and*

WHEREAS, emergency medical services providers have traditionally served as the safety net of America's health care system; *and*

WHEREAS, locally our emergency medical services system consist of emergency physicians, emergency nurses, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, firefighters, educators, administrators, and others; *and*

WHEREAS, approximately two-thirds of all emergency medical services providers in the nation are volunteers; *and*

WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical services teams, whether career or volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills; *and*

WHEREAS, citizens of Rowan County and its municipalities benefit daily from the knowledge and skills of these highly trained individuals; *and*

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of emergency medical services providers by designating **Emergency Medical Services Week**; *and*

WHEREAS, injury prevention and the appropriate use of the EMS system will help reduce national health care costs.

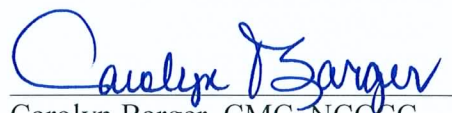


NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Rowan County Board of Commissioners, in recognition of this event does hereby proclaim the week of May 19-25, 2013 as ***EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK*** and encourages the community to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities.

This the 20th day of May 2013


Jim Sides, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:


Carolyn Barger, CMC, NCCCC
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